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(Copied) J. B. Travers Esqr.

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst. I have to say no letter either of the 23d January 1797 or of the 8th January 1799 are on my records I cannot charge my memory with any information that was required under the above dates – neither have any letter during the whole of January or 1799 requiring information on any particular point – I rather think letters never could have reached me if sent – as had they been mislaid or lost recollection might have assisted me in finding out the out

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedient Servant

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Collector

Mootpollam
13th Novr. 1799

Recd. Mr. [illegible] Travers letter of the 7th [illegible] to which sent the following answer

15

Nov. 17th. Proclamation –

Whereas It hath pleased the Govern[ment] to place the Manaparai Polygar [illegible]

the [illegible]

(Copied) Proclamation to the Ryots of the Muttum Pollam . 17th Nov.

Whereas the late Poligar Comara Vengama Naique died childless and the succession to the Pollam is disputed between a claimant named Shokiin - & a claimant named Venkata Naique - this is to give notice - to all Muttamcans Munigars Curnums Wentrick, Ryots &c of the said Pollam that they are not directly or indirectly - to pay or cause to be paid any part or parts of the Revenue of the Pollam - whether money or grain - to either of the claimants or people depending on them

and whereas it is understood that Coopah the late Peishcar who was directed by the Sirkar to take charge of the Pollam until the heir was declared - has neglected his charge - the Sirkar is pleased to appoint Venkistonah for the present to the charge of the Ro' of Muttum - and hereby di

in Ganthpunnam &c &c to pay
obedience to the orders they may from
time to time receive from him -

And whereas the speedy
adjustment of the claims to the
pollam is necessary to the peace of
all parties - the claimant Strikem
and the claimant Carta Nague are
hereby directed to repair forthwith to the
Huzzoor cutcharee at Dindigul
each respectively bringing with him the whole
of the documents and evidence he
may have in support of his claim

And whereas it is under
stood that people belonging to the
claimant Strikem have been colle-
cting money &c from the Pollam of
Puttinnee - It is hereby ordered that
he by himself or by his dependents
do cease from making any colle-
ctions whatever - on pain of the serious
displeasure of the Sirkar - and that
until the succession be declared
neither Strikem by himself or his
people - nor Carta Nayk by himself
or his people interfere directly
or indirectly in the concerns of the

Pollam -

But as it is understood by the Cutcherry that the late Polygar did grant the village of Ramadepetty to the aforesaid Thokien for his support - - the Cutcherry is pleased to direct that for the present - the said Thokien shall receive the proceeds of the said Village for the purpose for which it was granted - and Vencatachellumiyer who was appointed to the charge of the Pollam is hereby directed to cause the proceeds of the village to be given to the said Thokien -

And whereas it is further understood that the proceeds of the villages Vencanadapetty & Cotapetty were allotted by the Polygar to the support of his mother and family - It is hereby ordered and directed that Vencatachellumiyer now appointed to the charge of the Pollam do cause the proceeds of the said

villages to be given at to the said mother & family of the late Polygar

Nov. 17th Dindigul

(Copied) William Petrie Esqr President
& Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Par. 1 My letter of the 21st Nov. 1798 requested of your Board leave conditionally to present the Yercotta Polygar with fifty Chucrums & to offer him the same monthly allowance for his subsistence -

Yercotta

2 The Polygar however not making his appearance the favorable intentions toward him were not disclosed - and the attack on Yercotta impressing me ~~any~~ with unfavorable sentiments towards the ~~with respect to the~~ Polygar whose uncle Chinna Sawmy Naique the Sera Naique was one of the principal actors - I had determined to have nothing to say to him

3 Upon & after my return from Coimbatore in the beginning of last month - the Yercotta Polygar sent a verbal message that if Cowle was sent him he would come

I returned a verbal answer - that his conduct had given me cause to suspect him - that his inattention to former promises had made him unworthy of favor - and that I would receive only the unconditional surrender of himself - if he was conscious of no direct disobedience to the Sirkar he had nothing to fear - but if he felt he had acted disobediently he should on no account ~~to come~~ whatever venture to come - unless he was assured he could make and keep resolutions of future amendment -

4 On the 5th instant his mother came in ~~to me~~ - with information that her son would act according to order - on the 8th the Poligar ~~himself~~ came and surrendered himself unconditionally. I endeavoured during this conversation ~~and with~~ him to show him his own interests ~~which~~ depended on the confidence he might have in the Sirkar - and I have reason to think I have in great measure succeeded -

5 In enquiring of him the circumstances of the attack on Jerecotta and the parties particularly concerned -

he confirmed particularly what I have
mentioned (in my letter 26th March) regarding
his uncles conduct - and generally every
other circumstance - I forbore pressing
him on any other points relative to
the ^other parties - both in accusing them
he ^should expect to exculpate his rela
-tions -

6 As means of conciliation
I ventured to present him with the
sum allowed by your Board under
date 1st Jany - and shall continue
the same monthly to him - unless
otherwise directed by your Board -

7 His mother requested I would
(as I had done with the Manoocary Polygar
family) enable him to fulfill a
contract of marriage with the daughter
of the late Polygar of Anakpaty - which
had not misfortune overtaken him
would ere this have been celebrated
I promised I would recommend it to the
favorable attention of your Board
and dismissed them -

8 This Polygar is a young
man whose father dying ere his son
could judge for himself - has been very
much neglected - his Pollam increa

to apprehension was an inducement and asylum to banditti both from the Kittanoor country and our own - from the ill conduct of the Sun Naique to the inhabitants of Malabarria Sheruthe he suffered - rather than from his own

9 They came to give him the sum of 200 Rs to enable him to celebrate his marriage & to draw him the monthly allowance before fixed for his maintenance

10 On dismissing him I told him I should expect he would live near me - and that I should provide him with people to instruct him ~~and~~ in such things as were proper for him to learn - this ~~faithful~~ I consider conformable in them to in generally ~~an~~ creating confidence ~~of~~ spiritual, ~~towards the~~ in discovering the disposition of the Sirkar towards them and by direct communication preventing the conjectures of their Vakeels supplying the place of facts -

8 March
12th March -
11 The Poligar after settling his marriage concerns promised to return to me - and as I have hopes of carrying every thing for his comfort into execution they came to make the experiment - the increased expence will be within

fifty Rupees p Month — and if no objection seem to your Board they it may be sanctioned —

Jerryadoo

12 — My letter of the ~~th~~ & 29 Jany represented the case of Pethecondamer [illegible] late Poligar of Jerryadoo — Your Boards acquiescence to my recommendation dated 1st reached me 6th March — I lost no time in apprising the dispossessed Poligar — ~~of the [illegible]~~ and I was much hurt when I received his answer — not from its purport which is truly absurd — but as it shewed me more clearly how greatly the influence of Veerapatchee had influenced his weak ~~[illegible]~~ (humanique) and that poor unfortunate boy — for it was at this time each dispossessed polygar had hoped by the counsel & assistance of Veerapatchee to regain their respective Pollams —

Vide No 1 & 2 his answer

13 — As this Boy did not come he of course received no allowance — I am given to understand he wishes to come in — & I have caused it to be intimated — that he may come if he pleases — but as I disapprove of playing and trifling with the Sirkar would — I have given him no reason to expect it — Should he come unconditionally with permission of your Board I shall make him the allowance ~~[illegible]~~ formerly recommended to and sanctioned by your Board —

Pulliapanaique &c Madoor

14 The ~~Poligars~~ dispossessed Poligars of Pulliapunnayaganoor and Madoor are I have heard inclined to come in - but as they have not intimated to me their wish for such I have not thought it proper to make any advances - indeed I should not approve of receiving them in any other manner than unconditionally - their reported conduct at Jemmcothe ought not in my opinion to be passed by unnoticed - Should these Poligars come in uncondi-tionally I have to beg authority for making them a present of 100 rupees each -

Shokumpetta

15 Palamootoo Naique the dispossessed Poligar of Shokampetty came in unconditionally on the 17th inst. - I have no cause of complaint against him - he represented his situation with much diffidence - and expressed his hopes that I would give him assistance; I promised to recommend his case to your Board and inform him of the result -

16 - The Shokumpetta Pollam is now in arrears - Pags 3377.11.7 - and the gross collections of the Pollam for last year were Pags 1711.35.65 - the Sircar was debited for Pags 1714.10.22 - more than the net proceeds Pags 2.10.37 - This does no

appear to me any probability of clearing the balance due — and it is likely the produce of the present fusly will fall far short of the last — from the great severity of the season and the consequent loss of cattle —

17 — Thus any allowance your Board may be pleased to grant will be a deduction from what should be applied to liquidate the arrears — if not a diminution of the Peishcush — but at the same time that the loss is positive — the Poligar's silent & inoffensive conduct (for to the best of my knowledge it has been so) deserves consideration and if your Board disapprove not — I beg leave to grant him a pension of thirty Pa[godas] a month — I gave him 100 Rupees — which I beg your sanction —

the Poligar has a family of his wife two brothers & their wives —

18 — It has been the custom in recommending the pensioning a Poligar to suggest the assignment of a village in the Pollam for his support. This measure I disapprove of inasmuch as, in under any condition whatsoever it would create an undue influence much to the prejudice of the pollam, and which it would be impossible to either to prevent or counteract —

Dodanaputtee

19 The crimes of Peagany Nayak render him an object of general detestation — I renewed the proscription your

him – but of itself it is insufficient

I beg to be permitted to offer a reward
of five thousand rupees
for the apprehension of him and his
associates Comanaudy & Teggana Precau
-sime – to be paid in proportion on each

20 – Gollappa Naique the dispossessed

Nellakotta Polygar of ~~Oodan-cotta~~ Nellacotta and
the instigator of the violences against that
fort 11th Decr. 1798 – is yet supported by his
Highness the Nabobs allowance of 6 – but by
beeen fortunate enough to seize his
family on the 10th inst: ~~by one of his~~
~~...~~ this induced him to send
a Cadjan to the Cutchery on the 15th which
I thought proper to return unopened and
directed the man to tell him that he
had ~~nothing to expect~~ no favor to expect
from the Sirkar but in an unconditional
-al surrender of himself –

21 – Gopen Naique of Sundiour

Sundiour has lived since March 1797 a retired and appa
-rently inoffensive kind of life – at Dyem
-pettam – he has a very large family
and his allowance 4 ... hardly adequate
to their subsistence – With permission
of your Board I wish increase his
allowance ten Chuckrums p month
so that he may be better enabled
to maintain them –

Moombaram 22 The orders of your Board respecting the institution of Peerumul Naique of Moombaram - as sent to Government under date 28th Jany & communicated by extract to me in letter dated 1st March - I have ~~caused~~ carried into execution in such manner as I have every reason to suppose may be productive of future good to the young Polygar -

23 On the receipt of this letter however - I feared making the Pollam over to him lest the more turbulent Polygar should at that time in particular have mistaken the act of the Sircar - but I told the Polygar that the regaining his pollam depended wholly on his own conduct - and sent him to conclude his own and his sisters Marriage -

6th March -

Peddam.	7
Carnam.	5
10 Peons	10
	22
	12
	264
	400
	664

24 When at Ammanamcheri (May 29th) I informed him the Pollam should be given up to him when he pleased - but in consulting on the time it appeared to me that the end of the Fusly year would be most proper for his appointment and as it made no difference in any Case it ~~thought [illegible]~~ so consid[illegible]

25 In the appointment of his Pradanum I looked out a man who had been in my service nearly three years and sent him with ~~such~~ [with the Polygar concurrence] establishment as I deemed necessary to assist [him] ~~the Polygar~~ recommending the rate of pay as follows

Pradanum Cs 7 p/month
Curnam — 5
ten Peons — 10 —
Total 22 Cs or annually 264

The gross proceeds of the Pollam for 1808 were Cs 1547.2.5 -
the charges on which were 318. —
leaving — 1229.2.5

the allowance to the Polygar at 30 Cs p/month 360
Extra charges on account of the marriage & funeral } 147.5
Remainder - 507.5 which deducted from the former total 1229.2.5 leaves - 721.9.5 - as the Wealth of the Sirkar or of the peishcush 400 Cs / more than the peishcush - 321.9.5 -

26 — ~~as~~ It may happen that the late season will make it necessary to reduce the rental of the Pollam for the current year — but as I have as yet no accounts that such is the case I shall take it as the amount to show your Board the ~~present~~ probable proceeds accruing to the Polygar —

~~Gross proceeds~~

~~Gross~~

		Ch. f. a
Gross expected proceeds —		1547. 4. 5
Deductions —		
Charges Mayengolute	264 —	
Peishcush —	400 —	664 — —
Remaining to the Polygar		883. 4. 5
Former allowance —		360 . —
More than former allowance		523. 4. 5

27 In my letter of the 12th ult I mentioned the fear I had of the intrigue of Mootoo Shevagar with the Polygar of Cunnewauddy — and the wish I had to watch any opportunity of removing him — the debates that had taken place respecting the obedience he should pay to the Sirkar order and the ~~[illegible]~~ ~~the~~ opposition of the Shevagar —

28 It may be necessary to mention the reasons of this debate

– on the 19th ultmo. the Poligar of Tyagoody being sent for by me – came to my cutcherry – The reason of his coming was that I might ascertain from him his territory in the hills and give him the necessary orders respecting the road I had proposed thro the hills – which having satisfactorily settled he returned –

29 – The Poligar of Vellaghena [illegible] came in of his own accord on the 22nd. and as his Pollam is on the back side of the hills – I directed him to assist in the work which he readily promised and is performing –

30 The [illegible] Poligar of Ammanaeka came in on the 27th – The Mother of the [illegible] poligar of Ammanaeka came in on the 30th – and having paid their compliments returned – they were not summoned –

31 The ~~[illegible]~~ visits of these Poligars produced the question at [illegible] [illegible] – Whether the Poligar of [illegible] should come to the [illegible] or not – and the only persons in opposition were Mootoo [illegible] & his son & their immediate dependants – who urged what I have related in my letter of the 12th

32 ~~[illegible]~~ informed of every thing that transpired – more faithfully than in such cases usually happens – and I began to hope favourably of the Polygar whose wavering alarmed Mootoo Sheragar – ~~so much as to induce~~ In further conversations on the subject the Polygar began to frame such excuses for his conduct as he thought might pass with the Sirkar – When his Mother the Sera Naigue started the question – of What will you do if you are ordered to seize Mootoo Sheragar? – the Polygar hesitated – his family recommended obedience – but the Polygar would not consent –

33 this conversation happened about the 10th. inst. but I can not precisely ascertain the date – at this debate – altho the Polygar would not consent to give up the Sheragar, it was determined that he would obey the order for going to the Nuggoor if it came – Mootoo now perceived his influence gone and feared the Polygars would ~~prove~~ them he had taught by making himself a proficient in this deceit, by making this first essay on himself – he ~~fled from~~ left Cunniwandy – the 12th.

34 I had intimation of this on the 14th. on the 15th. I had advice that the Polygar

had determined on coming - but that there
was no good omen to decide the day - this
opportunity
as his evil counsellor was absent -
I determined to act on and sent him
a summons to come in on the 17th -
which he obeyed -

35 Mootoo Moopen went to Vera
patchee where by ~~he~~ was ~~been~~ secreted until
the 16th my people saw him on that
day - and reported it to me which
Commandy was with me -

36 Your Board may be sure
I said every thing to this Poligar that
could tend to strengthen his confidence
in the Sirkar - showed him the folly
of treachery - pointed out the many
falsities he under influence of others
had uttered - and ~~some~~ endeavoured to
show him how near his own ruin had
been effected by those who had advised
his disobedience -

37 I have hopes he will attend
to what I urged - he certainly left me
with undisguised marks of call -
~~and it being strengthen~~ my hopes
by the reports of the 19th - ~~which~~ states
his ~~open~~ reassumption of the Poligar

Puttook ^nooty^ which he had given the Thevagar in Enaum – this if really true is giving a positive proof ~~of~~ ^that^ the influence of the Thevagar is gone – and should that be the case – I have little doubt ~~but~~ that the Polygar will in future prove obedient

38 – ^obedience of the^ Of the Dindigul Polygars now Verupatchee, I have little doubt – whether possessed or dispossessed – the conduct of those in the Valley was during the war certainly quiet this time the latter -ly were strong – but from all I can learn of their conduct – I would rather attribute their quietness to a wish for quiet which they appear to have had – than from any other cause – and in corroboration of this I have to adduce the Regularity of their payments ~~&~~ those in possession – and the ^late^ unconditional surrender of all out of possession – even the Polygar of Deadanepatty & Kellacotta which the severity of the season might have excused the delay of had they been inclined to disobedience –

I have the honor to be with great Respect – Gentlemen

your very obed^t^ and humble Ser^t^

Colin Johnson
20th Inst –

Thokapilly –
Nov.r 28th 1799 –

	Answer	Note
1 What did you give [illegible] the Akbar of Mangapura at the time his wife lay in before Lieu Nayaker's death –	one hundred Pt Pagodas –	A
2 When you had conversation with the Akbar at the time of the enquiry the affairs of the Pokane – what did you say to him by the Lieu Nayakers orders –	went to him by the Lieu Nayakers orders & said he would give him one thousand rupees to manage the business so as to place his son in the Puttam –	B
3 When the enquiry were finished – and the Akbar returned with Capt.n [illegible] to Mangapura – you afterwards went to Mangapura – at that time what did you give the Akbar by the Lieu Nayakers order	Venamalla Cunja pillah was present when I gave the Akbar four hundred [illegible] by the Lieu Nayakers orders – the money were got [redacted] from two Cunja pillas from the Lieu Nayaker – and given to his relation Cunja pillah sent with me to Mangapura	C

4 after this what sum did you give the Ukhan and at what time	one hundred rupees – can not recollect the time	F
5 At the time you went with the other Vakeels to Mamboorie and asked Capt. Gibb woman to assist in getting the fort for the Seru Naique what did you give to her	I gave fifty rupees at first – afterwards I gave to her one hundred and thirty P.Pagodas.	I.T.
6 When the enquiry was over what did ~~you~~ the Seru Naique give the woman –	he gave her five hundred P.Pagodas in presence of Syd Khan Ammalagoo Theagar Moonaumdoor Moodelly – John Freeman Gibbon –	K
7 When the ~~[illegible]~~ Seru Naique's sons were ~~instated~~ what did he give to the woman who came with Capt. Gibb	I heard 500 P.Pags. ~~the [illegible] who accounted them to [illegible]~~ – say John Freeman Clerke was present some of the Pagodas were bad – and he said he would exchange them	L

8 Is Lado Bima mad or out of her senses or did the Sera Nayque order you to say so	the Sera Nayque said she was a fool and a babbler but she is not mad - nor a fool.	N.C
9 When Latchm Geppi woman was going to Ramnad on account of Latchm Geppi sickness what did you give to her —	She sent for me and told me she had not money for her expenses I gave her fifty Rupees from the Sera Nayque Zettu Perumal Lutchmana were with me	U
10 On the death of the Sera Nayque when Syd Ameen came to Semmghery what did you give to him — —	By Vettu Nayques order I gave 130 Pnd to Syd Ameen who took 100 - and order the other 30 to be given between ~~the people~~ myself ~~[illegible]~~ Thomasima nun Moodely - Zettu Perumal Pellai Comara Alagoo Shero gar & Timmapadi Iyer	V
11 When Syd Ameen was absent from Mahapar how much money	I gave him by his own man Tondeloy Moodely 150 PRD - one turban one Jamma one pair	W

did you give by Pattee Naiques order to his family —	of big drawers one Chavel and five pagodas for bangles for the new born infant	

No 2

~~Yetti Pennaick~~
Pattay —
Parasantyen

1 What money did you give, Lyd? Arneen, when going to Tanjore after Pattee Tamba had been placed in the [illegible]	three hundred Rupees by the Sour Naiques order	D
2 What present did you make after this to the Abbee	I gave to the best of my recollection 275 Rupees ~~and~~ which to make up one hundred Pagodas —	E
3 How much money did you carry to Tanjore — & to whom did you give it and when	In Ulpiee I received two bags sealed & on each were written 500 Pagodas — and one small bag of fifty Pagodas — These with ~~[illegible]~~ the gram made [illegible] two [illegible] & ten [illegible] I took to Tanjore to Shoker [illegible] —	M

!

we three carried
the bags to Vengapal
Chetti – who said
why have you brought
two – Ryt– Master
will be angry
take them away –
– the third day after
the Lakh went
and Vengapal Chetti
ordered him to bring
the money – Venga
Chetti took it and
put it in a chest
– the fifty Pagodas
were given to Condu
row – by us three –

Yellappa Mandi
Chetti –

1 By the Sera Nagar's order how much money did you give Syed Ameen and ~~when~~ how long before the Sera Nagar's death –	Conara Nagar Seena you were with me when I gave him two Rupees in Pago: ne (Month) at Mauarfur –	G
2 After the Sera Nagar's death when the Akkan went to Vengapal what did you give him –	I do not recollect how much but I saw Chetti Chetti Present money to the Akkan who returned a part – of which I got five Pagodas –	V

When Pattaw Tonche was placed on the pattam what did the Sera Nayane give Captn Gibbs woman —	the Sera Nayane gave six hundred Pago-das of which 24 were returned because bad — to be exchanged

Thomas Shied Dhun Modelly

I

When Pattaw Tonche was placed on the pattam what did the Sera Nay give Captn Gibbs woman —	I do not exactly know how much the woman desired the Sera Nayane to bring the presents himself to her that she would take them of him and no one else know of it — the accounts will shew the sum given

Menyonnard Pillai

M

How much money did you carry to Tanenad to whom did you give it and when —	Parasongee & I carried 1050 Pgs to Tanenad to Shoka Pillah who carried ~~[illegible]~~ to Canja Pillah the fifty pagodas went to Condran

26 26 Nov 1799

(Copied) William Petrie Esqr. President
& Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

1 I have the honor to report to your Board the unconditional Surrender of Gollapa naigue late of Nellacotta — at Dindegul 23d considering he might interpret my orders conveyed to him by his man — as related in my letter of the 20th as favorable to himself — I have left him at large — but with orders to remain at Dindegul

2 Pulleappa naigue came in without Cowle or order the 21st. —

3 The Madoor Poligar came in without Cowle or order the 22d.

4 Gopia naigue of Sundoor came in without cowle or Summons the 23d.

5 The Claimants of the Nuttum — Pollam — Shaheen and Curta naigue's son came in the 22d according to Summons — the former a lad about nineteen year of age appears almost an Ideot — the latter apparently about eighteen years of age appears to feel and say for himself merely what is told him — but as I have began the enquiry regarding the succession I shall I hope in the course of two or three days bring the pretensions of each respectively under the cognizance of your Board —

Vellacondama naigue of Yerrygodoo came in without Cowle or Summons on the 24 - I gave him 100 Rupees and shall with leave of your Board - continue the same to him monthly.

To Madoor & Bulleappa naigue I gave the same sum respectively and as your Board may perhaps approve of a Pension to each - I shall state the particulars of their Pollams -

The Madoor Pollam is now in arrears St. Pags. 4881. 2.79. the nett Collections of the Pollam last Fusly were St. Pags. 2803. 33.79. the Peishcush 2342. 30.68 leaving a surplus of 461. 3.18. which reduced the arrears balance from 5342. 6.10. to 4881. 2.79. as above expressed

Any allowance to this Boy / he is about 13 years old - being the Nephew to the former Poligar - will be as in Shokamputty a deduction from what would otherwise apply in liquidation of arrears of balance - but if your Board see no abjection I would recommend a Pension of Cur. Chs. 30 P. Month or Cur. Chs. 360 annually - which will be St. Pags. 205. 52. 67. which if deducted from the Probable surplus taken at last years proceeds 461. 3. 18. will leave 255. 15. 41. in application to the payment of arrears of balance -

The Pollam of Bulleapa naignor is now in arrears 216. 22. 69 - the nett Collections last year were St. Pags. 850. 21. 61. the Peishcush 571. 15. 33. leaving for payment or arrears St. Pags. 279. 6. 28 which applied to the their balance 495. 29. 17. left the above 279. 6. 28. as the Arrear due -

With deference to your Board I recommend the like Pension to be granted Gollapa naigue as to Madew Viz Cass. Chs. 360 annually or St. Pags. 205.32.57. which when deducted from what should pay off the arrear leaves 73.18.51. only in application for that purpose - but as I have reduced the expences of collection by uniting the Pollams, composing the tahseeldary of Yempodee or fifth Devision - to the Dindigul or first Devision the nett receipts will be greater and as they encrease the arrears now standing against the Pollam will diminish in proportion -

I have now Gentlemen to remark to your Board that all the dispossessed Poligars save Poo-jaury naigue, have come in to my Cacharee without Cowle or Summons - even Gollappa naigue - and I have sent all away satisfied - save Gollappa naigue whom I have ordered to remain in Dindigul (but under no restraint) until I receive the directions of your Board respecting him -

The Principal widows Andyama & Sheligama of the late Sawmy naigue of Ramgherry came in on the 22d. without summons - and returned to Ramgherry the 23d. I have to beg the favor of your Board to postpone any order that might have been intended relative to them in my letter of 21st. ancilt. until I have sent the information I am in possession of regarding the transactions in that Pollam some time past - I hope to send it in three days -

I have the honor to be with great Respect -

Gentlemen
your very obedient
humble Servant

Dindigul
26th Novr. 1799 -

Duplicate of a letter to Captn. Simons of 5th. Novr.
has been sent this day. - 5th. Decr. 1799 -

Major Lindsay
Comg. Dindigul
Sir

As the small guard required for the escort of treasure will not admit of a detachment from Columburn - to the Pagoda at Pyney - of sufficient strength - to keep order I have to beg the favor of you to furnish a Jemedar guard for that purpose from hence - and as the station of this guard will be within the hill Pago-da - I have further to request - that it may be composed of Hindoos - I could wish it should march with as little delay as possible -

Of the Company that afforded detachments for Mellacotta Gengawarputty Beracollum & Culloot all may be recalled into Garrison save at the last mentioned place - Culloot - in which an Havildars guard for the present will be fully sufficent - the arrangement lately made on the Nobabs frontier with some of the Poligar of Madura will I hope preclude even the necessity of the last mentioned guard remaining there for any considerable length of time -

I have the honor to be
&a. &a.
(signed) W. Hardis
Collr.

Dindigul
31st January 1800

J. B. Travers Esqr.
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 24th January It is with much satisfaction that I am enabled further to report on the diligence and assiduity of Mr. Ravinshaw in the acquirement of the Malabars — his translations will speak for themselves — this qualification with his general conduct I have not a doubt will shortly recommend him in a particular manner to the notice of Government —

Mr. Randal is learning the Malabars — but as he has not been long of it — I cannot speak to more than a proportionate acquirement —

I am Sir
Your Very Obedient Servant
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Motepolliam
1st Feby 1800

(Copied) William Petrie Esqr. President
& Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Accompanying I have the honor of sending copy of letter from Mr. Edward Campbell dated 20th December

Having seen the Spot alluded to in his application and knowing it to be as described — and no incroachment on the Inhabitants, who have made no objection to Mr. Campbells having the portion of paddy fields provided the proportionate deduction be made from their Rent they to Recommend the application to the

favorable consideration of your Board --

I enclose for the information of your Board copy of the Survey -- which shews also the value of the paddy lands

I have the honor to be with great respect
Gentlemen
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. C.. Hurdis
Coll^r.

Motepoliam
1st Feby 1800

Dindigul 2^d Feby.. 1800

My dear Sir

I have just received news of the escape of the prisoners of the left hand cast -- and from circumstances that have before occurred -- I have little doubt but that an Havildar named Ramasawmy of the 1st. of the 3^d. is implicated -- as that man has been I am informed in the habits of taking money from the prisoners of all descriptions in the Cutwals Choultry -- I shall be obliged by your making inquiry into the business and -- in case of disturbance which is very likely to be between the casts -- I have to request your assistance in endeavouring to apprehend the offenders --

I am my Dear Sir
Very obediently yours
(signed) V.B.. Hurdis

Captn. C. M.. Gepp
&c &c

The Fort Adjutant
of Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the pleasure of enclosing Bill for the Pagodas Twenty eight for the Subsistance of the late Poligar of Cylnry for the Month of February 1800

I am Sir
Your very obedient Servant
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Colo.

Dindigul
2d Febry 1800

Dear Sir

on receipt of this I beg you will have the goodness to release the Brother of the Eiraputty Poligar — that Poligar having satisfied every demand

I am Dear Sir
Very obediently yours
(signed) J B. Hurdis —

Dindigul
3d Febry 1800

Lieut. Kingalyyis

(Copied)

John Hennorsby Esqre
Commercial Resident
Tinnevelly –

Sir

Your letter of the 3rd instant covering State-ment of Cash for your investments I received the 6th – and in reply have to acquaint you – that unless otherwise directed I shall be able to supply the whole amount (Pags. 104409. 26.17½) by the end of April – Fifty thousand Star Pagodas in Old Pags. – are now ready for you if you have orders to receive them –

I should prefer making the advance in two instalments – rather than eleven as you have stated as a saving of time trouble & expense – I have to beg the favor of you to send your Shroff to Dindigul that the money may be so received as to prevent any necessity for an exchange of coin

The cash will be received & advanced to you at the existing rate of exchange and they that you take in triplicate on the Board of trade may be made on copy of my Invoice so sent to you — this will prevent any trouble occurring in the adjustments of the Brother account —

I am Sir
Your obedient Servt &c

Darapooram
7th Feby 1800 —

(Signed) William Petrie Esqr President
& members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen —

It being understood that many very private Cadjans & papers of the late Sera naigue of Ramghery were kept in a Godown at Ramghery and that amongst them were many written to him from Ramnad respecting the transactions which ultimately placed Vettana naigue on the Puttum — Enquiry was made — many Cadjans & papers were found & amongst them many relating to the intrigues for the Succession —

I have examined a variety of them and had the Committee assembled I should have given them over without further intrusion on your Board but that not being the case I am induced to send the inclosed Copy & translate of a Letter from two of the Sera naigue Rayinagars who resided at Ramnad and who were principals in the business — as they deliberate already

already sent to your Board will have shewn—

And I am the more urged to the sending the enclosed not only because it shews the means taken by the faction to prevent every possibility of Justice—but because—should proof of what is therein advanced be given before the Committee—it will I hope induce such an application of Justice on the guilty parties as may effectually prevent the future interference of Coubashes—

I have the Honor to be—

with Great Respect Gentlemen

your very Obedient humble Servant

Darapooram
9th Feby 1800—

(Copied) Dear Hawkins

I shall be much obliged if you will direct your Conicopoly at Erroad to give my Gomastah a Receipt for the Grain he has received of him—that I may return to you the difference which will appear to have been paid to me—

I have written you three times on this matter but have never received a line myself—neither from the Conicopoly—constant Refusal to give a Receipt—does it appear he has received any orders

My Gomastah has been waiting particularly since the beginning of December to get this Receipt pray oblige me by directing it forthwith—

very truly yours
Signed W Sheres

Darapooram
10 Feby 1800

(Copied) Benjamin Torin Esqr

&c &c &c

Sir

The Sum Total of the enclosed Account is collected from the Bullock masters—I beg to know how it is to be disposed of

I have the honor to be
Sir
your very obedient
humble servant

Darapoor
11 February 1800

(Signed) W Sheres

Account particulars of the Sums Expended by the Bullock people on Account of Mr. B: Torin Resident of Tanjore

		P	F	C	P	F	C
P	Teroomaly Chetty	39	18	46			
C	Venkatachetty	39	2	77			
	Magherelchetty	40	31	60			
P	Goorooappun	20	11	75			
M	Mahommed Meerah	3	24	55			
L	Soobramoneya Pilly	1	18	64			
P	Valayodam	28	2	8			
C	Mahomed & Raumanjee	22	.	.			
	Ditto ditto	36	6	72	230	23	57
V	Moosah Ravet	1	16	35½			
	Rungapah Naick	.	37	27½			
	Venkatakistnama Naick	.	37	27½			
	Rungapa Naick	1	16	35½			
	Soobramanya Pilly	2	15	17			
	Valauyodum	21	7	4½			
					28	4	31½
	Total Star Pagodas				258	28	8½

Darasapooram
7 February 1800

Errors Excepted
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

(Copied) Mr. B. Randal
Assistant Collector
Dindigul

Sir

Having given Armogum leave to go to Ramisseram I have directed the keys of the Cash Chest in his possession to be given to the Naib Peishkar. You will see that the money &c in the different Chests is quite correct and in sending me the Register I desire you will not procure it from either Armogum or Ram Row but from

the

the Shroff[s] as the other two transmit to me – and I mean your Report should be a Check on them – in every other particular I have to desire the most particular attention may be paid to former orders.

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) W.B. Hurdis

P.S. you will see that the Peishkaur receive the Register ^Collector^ & State of the Cash Chest & Report most particularly – he will also Report you daily –

To Mr Kingsley at Coimbatore –

Dear Sir –

on Receipt of this be so good to direct the Release of Malby under the Naunigar of Avalespa naigue the Poligar having liquidated the demands of the Circar for which he was Confined –

I shall be very near Coimbatore in a few days when I hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you and the Doctor –

I am My Dear Sir
very faithfully Yours
(Signed) T.B. Hurdis

Darapoor
20th February
1800 –

The same
22nd for Chenchaundy & Peygaundy

(Copied) Edward Campbell Esqr.
&c &c
Revenue

Sir

Your favor of the 19th I have just received – and in Reply have to inform you I forwarded your application for the promised at Re[illegible] with the ^plan of the^ survey of it to ^without which I could not^ the Bo[illegible]

of Revenue, it is on their Sanction only that
Possession can be given - particularly as the
~~paddy~~ waste quantity of the paddy ground -
included in your application is at present
under Cowle to the Bramins - which Cowle does
not expire until the end of the Fusly year
on 11th July next coming - as the application
has been sometime before the Board an
answer may ~~be~~ soon ~~of~~ be received -

The old fort altho included in your
application was not when measured into the
specific quantity of land expressed therein
- that however may be easily remedied (as the
land is waste - and useless -) by a survey of
it - which I will order to be done

If there be no reluctance on the
part of the Bramins to the selling the
Banyan Tree - no other objection can exist
but an opposition to their religious prejudices
has frequently been productive of consequences
so disagreeable that I would wish be most cautious
of provoking them by any attempt at their Ejection
~~of~~ which nothing but the urgent pressure & explan-
-ed circumstances of the highest authority could
possibly ~~warrant~~ warrant my coming ob-

Singuewaddy
1st July - 1800 - I have the honour to be ... Your most ob...

18

(Copied) George Reid Esqr

Accountant to the

Board of Revenue -

Sir,

In Reply to your letter conveying extract from Proceedings of Board of Audit dated 9th July - I have forwarded the Statement of [illegible] copy of the Bill for Stationary - the reason of the purchase of which was because the indent had not been supplied and there was not a sheet of paper left of the former supply -

~~The Stationery here to~~

The ~~to that~~ bill shall in future be sent - in the Sealed packet of Vou[illegible] 2 -

I have ~~the~~ honor to be

Sir

Your very obedt Servt

Dera [illegible]

22nd July -

1840 -

(Copied) Dear George

I have your public letter reminding me of one of the 15th ultimo to which you desire an answer speedily — I have received no letter of that date — nor has any arrived at Lundaul either a mistake must have happened or the letter must have been lost — the quickest remedy is your giving me another and you shall have all you want as quick as possible —

Very truly Yours —
Signed W. Munro —
22d February 1800 —

Darapoor —

Captn. Cathcart
of his Majestys 19th Dragoons —

Sir Your letter of the 4th February I have received — but the Bullock man has not made his appearance —

The Mellore Colleries have of late frequently plundered Colampetty — any application to the Maniumcaur of that Village is useless as he is amongst the greatest of the Sufferers — and the Nabobs people to whom ultimate application must be made are too generally unjust for any redress to be expected from them —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W. Munro
Collector

Darapoor
22d Feby.
1800 —

21

(Copied) George Waddell Esqre
Collector &c. —
or Assistant in charge at
Calicut

Sir —

have the honor of
Enclosed ~~I transmit~~ a letter just received said to be sent by the Rajah of Cochin — but as it bears no mark of authenticity that I am acquainted with I do not think proper to notice it —

The man therein named as a Vakeel is under restraint ~~with me~~ — as he brought no credentials to me to justify his errand — and as the presuming to consider any of my subjects as sufficient to ~~pass an opinion~~ determine on any application relative to rights without reference to me is in my opinion exceedingly improper I have detained him —

I do not conceive the Cochin Rajah can with any propriety address me — as his direct superior, any claim he may have, on any part of the countries under my management, should be referred to you — — Any reference you may make to me on the subject I shall be happy to attend to — and I wish if you think it necessary either send the pretended Vakeel to you or detain him —

I beg to call your attention to that part of the letter relative to the Malabars the acknowledgements of those banditti belonging to him may perhaps justify punishing ~~them~~ him for the irregularities they

have committed within the borders of the Polachee district

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedient

humble Servt

Darapooram
21st July 1800 -

(Copied) Wm Petrie Esqr President
& Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Para - 1 The ruined State of many of the chief villages in these districts - and the great disadvantage to the inhabitants arising from the long disuse of Shandys or weekly markets - which is subject of regret, has much engaged my attention - in order that an effectual reparation might be made - and the improvement beginning in the country be successfully effected -

2 The granting a Cowle however favorable to the inhabitants who

are willing to come forward in these certain plantations for improvement is not of itself sufficient - they need advances of money in assistance - and they look to the indulgence of the Sirkar for presenting them with customary tokens of approbation

3 I have received many applications from many very respectable inhabitants for the reparation of ruined villages - and for the founding of new - on advances of Treasury being made to them - repayable in one year

4 I have also received applications from many respectable Merchants for the re-establishment of Chandies in old accustomed places - and for the establishment of appointment of new in particular situations - these people require assistance of Treasury - repayable within one year -

5 Fully impressed that the country will greatly benefit by the exertions of these people - they leave to have a discretionary power with six thousand

Rupees – for the purposes of forwarding the projects of the Ryots Settlements ~~to be~~ this sum to be separately accounted for ~~from~~ and to be distinct from the advances made for cultivation –

6 — Of this sum, I wish to have discretionary power of disbursement of one thousand Rupees – for the purpose of trifling presents of different Cloths to the different casts of Merchants – and for the performance of the different acts of ceremony their superstitious usages have made necessary –

7 — This if disbursed will be totally sunk – but the sum is too trifling for consideration when compared with the probable advantages that must result from attention to the speculation

I cannot close my letter without expressing my hopes that your Board will honor me with a speedy acquiescence to my wishes – under the assurance of every exertion on my part to ensure the ~~[illegible]~~ ~~projected~~ ~~infallible~~ ~~[illegible]~~ beneficial consequences of the

projected improvements

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect Gentlemen —

Your very obedient &

humble servant —

Colinganadoy

Feby 24th. 1800 —

(Copied) Edward Campbell Esqr.

&a &a &a

Nurroor

Sir

Subjoined I have the pleasure of sending for your information copy of letter dated 20th. February 1800 from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue — just received —

"You will inform Mr. Campbell that Government will order a grant to be made out and issued to him for the "ground applied for in the village of nurroor to ~~raise~~ erect buildings for "the sugar manufactory subject to an annual quit rent of nineteen — "Star Pagodas —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Collector

Colapollam

28th February 1800

Captain - N - Smith
Commanding
Madura.

Sir

On transmission of copies of the documents on which batta is charged to me - for the guard at Whotapanaig I shall readily make the payments due - but until then am not warranted to disburse the amount.

I am Sir,
Your obedient Servant
J B Hurdis
Coll.r

Dindigul -
2 March 1800 }

Major Colin Macauly
&c &c &c

Sir

Your favor of the 1st. inst. I have just received and am highly gratified by the contents.

I have to save time taken from records the parts of relative to the conduct of Boojaury naig - which when you have perused Ill thank you to return - they are unexamined but I hope you will not have much trouble in making them out -

I published a reward of one thousand rupees for the apprehension of Boojaury naig Nyana - precausum & Camireddy - the pro=portion of which should be given to the party who took him - In such manner as you may deem proper -

The place of his execution I could wish to be in the Boodoor Venedum in the Collery country

as it was from that district he generally drew his most desperate followers – his father the Yellamoody Poligar pretending to a right of Cawelly over that Venedum gave him a greater means of recruiting.

The men who gave the declarations I now send are on the Dindigul rock – I hope and trust the miscreant you have may get his deserts – Boodoor is near Yellamoody.

Should you direct the execution in the Coller nauts – it will require a strong party to attend – to prevent confusion – or an attempt at rescue which a small party might encourage the Collerie to make –

I will be obliged to you for the names of the bramins taken with him – as I dare say they are in my black list – I believe his wife is the daughter of Guntup naignoor – it will be well to keep her for the present –

The Poligar of Verupatchee will now see one his principal agents punished properly – but I fear without any good effect on his conduct – since the fate of Panjalamcourchee instead of causing his obedience – enabled him to recruit his banditti – some of Catabomenaigues people having actually taken service with Verupatchee –

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Calapallam
3d March 1800

(signed) Wm. Hurdis
Collr.

3

Lieut H K Barker

Cavoor –

Sir

I have the pleasure of sending the amount of your Batta bills – a trifling mistake occurred – you having charged twenty cash less than ought to have been entered: I have rectified the same –

I take this opportunity of replying to your letter respecting the Palanqueen boys hire – the rate pr Day – is two Goppauly fanams – which by the present Exchange is less by twenty cash than three Madras fanams their regulated hire – pr Day – common coolies for carriage are paid by the distance at the rate of two Madras fanams pr Day –

There are various sorts of Gold fanams – if the boys demanded others than Goppauly they were wrong –

I am Sir
Colopollam — Your very obt Serv
3rd March —
1800

Captn. Simons
Comg. Pylney —

Sir
Herewith you will receive the Amount of your Batta bill dated 1st inst. —
I am Sir
Your very obedient Ser
Colopollam
3d. March
1800

(Copied) George Read Esqre.
Accountt. to the
Board of Revenue

Sirs

Herewith I transmit you my Jummah bundy for the Current Fusly 1209 — for the districts under my charge — I have to beg you will Inform the Board — my report which I trust will be sent in the course of nine days will give every Information & explanation on the mode of making it — and shew the comparison between it

and

and the Barcez of the Sultan under each distinct head—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Calapollam
3d. March 1800

(signed) V.B. Hurdis
Collr.

Captn. J. M. Smith
Comg. Madura —

Sir—

I am favored with your letter of the 4th. inst. — the division order of the 9th. Feby 1798 — does not remove my objection — the two Companys originally sent to Vlotokenay-toor — were withdrawn and the guard left was for the purpose of taking care of the Barracks — nor now — nor at any previous time was the guard ever sufficient for protecting the country —

— If Government: Barracks provided for the Sepoys at Vlotokab require now directed the Collector to pay batta to them — because on his requisition for protection no

objection could be made — but when the ~~guard~~ troops were withdrawn — and the guard left was for the barracks — I conceive the Collector has nothing to do with it —

— At all events I see no use for the party at Wlotuhohnagarnoor — as they never have been — nor could they be any efficient strength in opposition to the Colleries — and unless the preservation of the barracks require their presence — I think it will be proper to withdraw them —

I am Sir

Your very obt. Servt.

Colapollam

5th March —

(Copied) William Petrie Esqr President

& Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Conformable to the orders of your Board through Mr Secretary Travers's letter 26 February I sent Mr Campbell the extract relative to his application for Ground at Meroor — I have now the honor of inclosing Copy of letter from that Gentleman in Reply — and as speedy possession is material in furtherance of his speculation I have to request the authority of your Board for granting it immediately to him — I have the honor to be with

great Respect

Gentlemen

Your very Obedient

humble Servant

Signed H. Hurdis Collector

Ramnadpuram(?)

5th March

1802

(Copied) Edward Campbell Esqr.
&c. &c. in Nellore

Sir —

Your favor of the 3d Instant reached me late last evening — as the point therein mentioned requires reference — I have this day enclosed your letter to the Board of Revenue for the purpose of obtaining sanction to your request —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W B Hurdis

Coilymuaddy
7th March
1800

(Copied) Mr. John Kerr —
Surgeon
Dundigul.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 6th instant and must beg leave to decline compliance with your request — I shall take the liberty of observing that your mentioning the increase of my establishment as a reason for increase of allowance to yourself without having consulted me on the occasion I deem very exceptionable — nor can I subscribe to the term of "unremitted professional attendance for three years past" when I recollect that Mr. Goldie attended my boys and Mr. Ravenshaw — during their illness —

I cannot close this letter without remarking to you — the difference in your letter to me — and the one dated 24 Jany. to the Hospital board In the former your words are "unremitted professional attendance when called on for three years past" In the latter — "Vizt. My unremitted attendance on the Collector and his Suite for three years past" — to which for the reasons before assigned I can not subscribe with any propriety whatever —

I am Sir
Your very Obedient Servant
(Signed) W B Hurdis
Collector

Coilymuaddy
7th March
1800 —

P.S.

P.S. I return the letters save the one to the Hospital Board inspiture I beg Copies authenticated may be sent me —

(Signed) W.B. Hurdis —

(Copied) Mr. John King

Surgeon of the Garrison of

Dindigul

Sir

In reply to your letter dated the 11th inst. I have to beg you will act exactly as you think proper —

Your letter I shall forward to Govt. as its language and tenor will probably enable them in part to infer — why I have not thought proper to recommend any allowance beyond the regulations for you —

I am Sir

your very obedient Servant

Darapoor

March 13th 1800 —

(Signed) W.B. Hurdis

Collr.

Edward Campbell Esqr.

Nuroor

Sir

I have the pleasure of Subjoining Copy of letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 13th inst. — authorising me to put you in possession of the ground at Nuroor so soon as the Crop is off —

— according to which authority I sanction your possessing the whole portion of Ground entered in the Survey transmitted the Board of Revenue —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Colinjawaddy

18th March 1800

(Signed) W.B. Hurdis

Collr.

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(Copied)

George Waddel Esq.re
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

I have this moment received your favor of the 12th inst. and delay not one instant - the liberation of the man calling himself the Vakeel of the Cochin rajah - to whom I have given the orders contained in your letter -.

I think it necessary to mention that the General claims of the Cochin rajah appear to be for what never was admitted during the Sultauns or Hyders Government - altho by a transfer of what he calls rights to Gapana Gour he secretly kept up an influence which tis probable the Sirkar Servants found their profits from - by not regarding it publicly -

Under this impression I have to request of you to promise nothing whatever to him - the more particularly as his Claims are in part for Cawelly & Maghama Russooms - which as causing the improper interference of the Poligars in the Sirkar lands - and as being an exaction from Merchants in their Pollams - it has been found adviseable either to assume - or disallow -

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.

Darapoorum
March 18th
1800

(signed) W.B. Hurdis
Coll.r

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(Copied) Messrs. J. Casamajor
J. G. Ravenshaw } Committee for enquiring into the affairs regarding the Ramgherry succession

Gentlemen

I received the directions of the Board of Revenue to furnish you with all the documents and information on my records relative to the proceedings respecting the Ramgherry succession under date 4th Jany. 1800 — Since which time all the those discovered papers &c have been ready — and all evidence in attendance —

Further papers & Cadjans being found and brought to my Cacharee on the 25th Jany. — I received the orders of the Board to transfer them to the Committee —

As I have received no intimation of your intention of assembling — and as the implicated parties have been in attendance upwards of three months — I beg to know if it be your intention to assemble — and when — that I may deliver over all to you — or submit to the Board the propriety of the implicated parties being suffered to go about their business — which must otherwise materially suffer from want of their attendance on it —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

Daraporam
19th March 1800

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Lieut. Col. Macalister
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

Your favor of the 18th I received yesterday — did I not suppose you came provided — I should lament the short notice you gave me — and I am the more induced to hope you are well provided — as you have not named your route — consequently put it out of my power to give any particular directions for supplies to yourself & Sewamy —

I have however given orders to the tahsildars to be attentive to both roads — but I apprehend the upper is most likely to be best attended to —

Should you take the lower road by Darapoor — I shall beg of you to let me know — that I may send to the particular — halting places —

The lower route from Darapoor —
is to — Condadum — 14 miles — Wells
Pulladum — 12 do. — do.
Soolooer — 11. do. — do. & nuzzul
Coimbatore — 13. do. — do. Tank &c.

Darapoor
20th March

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) W. Hardis
Collr.

(Copied) William Petrie Esqr. President
&c. Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen -

The influx of money and the small means I have of taking care of it at present naturally excites a wish either that I may be allowed to remit Cash, as I may be able to procure bills, to Madras - or that I may make the advances to the Tinnevelly Resident for the investment - as he may indent -

The Resident was informed under date 7th Feby. that - S. Pags. 104909.. fs. 26.. c. 17½ could be supplied him by the end of April & that fifty thousand St. Pags. in new Port Nova Pags. were then ready for him if he had orders to receive them - but as I have received no other demand for the supply from him - I apprehend he has not been empowered to drawn on the Dindigul treasury -

Disbursement of the revenue is certainly the first object - but the security of the Cash remaining in the Collectors treasury is of little less importance - your Board are apprized that neither in the Dindigul nor in the Conquered provinces - is any public building for a Cachane or place in which the revenues can be secured either by the Collector or tahsildars several of whom have been under the necessity of burying their Collections in order to secure them -

The place in which my Cachane is kept at Dindigul is part of the Veranda of my dwellinghouse - the

the treasury occupies another part - of the Verandah - for its security there is a native Commissioned officer and and eighteen Sepoys - the Chests in which it is kept - are an old sea Chest strengthened with Iron - a limber box of larger dimensions - Strengthened with Iron - and three other Country made heavy boxes - Iron bound -

The object of this letter at present is - that your Board will permit me to build for the better security of the treasure as many Cash Chests as may be necessary for the Division & Hussoor Cacharees -

Having no artificers with me or within forty miles of the place I cannot send any estimate of the expence I will therefore with leave of your Board enter the expence in accounts "upon honor" -

Having found it necessary to take up several Invoices of Cash but particularly from the Poligars and not having the means of conveying it with me or shroffing it regularly - I beg permission of your Board for a humbrel and appurtenances - and for a shroff in addition to those now entered in the Moyenzabitah who have in writing the various Coins more work than they can well get through at Dindegul - his pay to be twenty rupees ℘. Month -

I also beg leave to employ a Cutwal at this place and six Talears - the pay of the former 10 (ten rupees) of each of the latter at 3 (three) rupees ℘. Month - in toto - twenty eight rupees ℘. Month -

I have thought it right to abolish the

office

office of Akbar navees at Manapaura whose pay was twenty five Pag^s. ꝑ Month – I have however great need of two Caysems and I have in consequence entertained them one at 10 S Pag^s. & the other at 7 S Pag^s. ꝑ Month – which I trust your Board will not disapprove of –

The before mentioned expences will be no additional Charge on the present Moyenzabita the actual disbursements being much less than allowed in consequence of the reduction of two of the division Cacharees in the Dindigul province –

It was my intention to have requested that your Board would obtain leave of Government for me to build an house – Cacharee & offices suitable to the situation – at this place but as I have not the means of making the proper estimate at present with me – it must be delayed –

I have the honor to be with great respect –

Gentlemen

&c &c &c

Colinjawaddy
22^d. March 1800

(signed) W. Hurdis
Coll^r.

(Copied) Robert Woolf Esqr.
Accountt. General

Sir

Enclosed you will receive Copy of bill one 3^d date 19^t. March for S P^s. Pag^s. 18000 by the Madura Pay^r. on the Military Paymaster General in favor

favor of revenue –

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

Colinjawaddy
22d. March 1800

(Copied) Annamoogum,

on receipt of this you will procure Carpenters to make a Cash Chest as quick as possible –

length – 6 feet – 7 if possible
Breadth 2 feet – 2½ if possible
depth – 2½ feet – 2½

Thickness of the plank from 2 Inches to 3 Inches – there is timber enough in my yard for the business –

Having finished one you will begin another of the same size and dimensions – you will see that both are made very strong in every respect –

(signed) W. Hurdis
22d. March 1800.

Captn. Smith
Madura

Sir

I have your favor of the 21st. instt. I return the batta bills having no authority to pay them — I refer you to my letter of the 5th. instt. — for reasons — I have to beg you will make the reference you propose —

I am Sir
&c. &c.
signed W. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Darapoorum
24th. March 1800

(Copied) George Read Esqr.
Accountant to the
Board of Revenue

Sir

Herewith I have the pleasure of sending the accounts of the Districts under my Charge for Feb 1800

I have the honor to
be Sir Your
very obedient
humble servant
Signed W. B. Hurdis
Collector

Darapooram
26 March 1800

(Copied) William Petrie Esqr. President
& members of the
Board of Rev

Gentlemen —

Copy [illegible]

1 I should earlier have had the honor of sending the accompanying report on my Jummabundy of Fusly 1207 - but waited until all the detailed statements of the talooks of the conquered countries were copied - the sickness of my writers has caused a delay equally unavoidable and unpleasant - and as from this ~~delay~~ reason it is impossible for me to ~~say~~ fix any determinate period (when they will be ... the ob are done save five) I have ventured to ~~send~~ transmit it to your Board - in its present state -

2 The details of Darapoor are complete - and as the details of the other talooks are exactly similar - they are not directly necessary tho I could have wished to have sent all at once - that your Board might have been in possession of the whole of the ~~the~~ Detailed Statements

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of the conquered countries — I hope a few days will enable me to send them — and that your Board will not on account of this delay think the neglect originates in any cause it was in my power to avoid —

I have the honor to be with great respect

Gentlemen
Your very obedient
humble Servant

Dindigul
27th March

Lieut. Colonel Innes
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

The Commercial Resident at Tinnevelly having made application to me for forty thousand new Porto Novo Pagodas — for the use of his department I have to beg the favor of you to furnish such guard as you may deem sufficient for its safe conduct to Tinnevelly —

I would wish the officer in Charge of the guard

Should

should see the Bags packed that he may be well acquainted with their number -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient humble
Servant -
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Colr.

Dindigul
2d April 1800.

(Copied) Stephen Lushington Esqr
&ca &ca

Sir

I have your favor of the 30th ulto - I have no amildar at any of the places noted in your letter - and ere my man can enter the mountains it will be necessary to secure him safe conduct by means of the Mallyallums -

The sourse of the Shorliauru is within the Trevancore bounds and can better be explored from the back of Shevagherry than from the Dindigul Valley - another road from Trevancore is also of less impracticability than the route from the Dindigul Valley -

The rains (the Shona) at present are likely to prevent the hill people coming in - but I will endeavour

endeavour to engage some of the chiefs – to give assistance to your people when I know who they are – these hill people are independant – and unless conciliated it will be rather dangerours to send strangers into the hills – as they are very Jealous of what they think any kind of innovation –

It is just now from the early setting in of the rains very unhealthy in the Hills – it will be well therefore that your people take every precaution possible against the poisonous air they will breath when entering the mountains –

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) T.B: Hurdis
Col.

Dindigul
2d. April 1800.

(Copied) Stephen Lushington Esqr.
&a. &a. &a.

Sir

I have to request the favor of the current years Jumma Wasool Bauke of the Pollams of Doddapa naig & Whotapa naigue whilst under your ma=nagement – as I cannot make up my accounts with out it –

I have the honor to be
&a. &a.
(Signed) T.B: Hurdis
Col.

Dindigul
2nd April

(Copied) Stephen R. Lushington Esqr.
Collector of
Ramnad &ca &ca

Sir

Mr. Secretary Travers Letter of the 4th January last will have informed you of my appointment as one of a Committee to enquire into the causes by which Vottana Naig succeeded to the Ramghirry Pollam in 1798 - In consequence of Mr. Casamayor the other Member's ill health Government have since been pleased to order that I shall commence the enquiry by myself -

I have therefore to beg that all such Olah's letters declarations &ca relative to that Pollam as may remain on record in your Cutcharee together with specimens of the hand writing in Malabars of Runga Pilly late Mr. Jacksons Dubash on Olah and paper if to be obtained. Suntheer Row your present Jawaub nevees and any other persons now in your Cutcharee who were in Mr. Collector Jackson's at the time of the above transaction be transmitted to me with all convenient expedition -

I am
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. G. Ravenshaw
Asst. Coll.

Darapoorum
1st April 1800

William Petrie Esqr. President and
&c.a Members of the
Revenue Board —

Gentlemen —

Lieutt. Colonel Innis
&c.a &c.a &c.a

Sir

I have to request the favor of a Guard to accompany me to the Nuttum Pollam — the party will be out about five or six days —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient Servant
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
5th March 1800

(Copied)

William Petrie Esqr. President
&c.a Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

In reply to the commands of the
Board conveyed by the Secretary under

date 21st March – I reviewed 7th inst-
hence ~~to do~~ the honor to inform you –
that the expense of the Tumbril will
be pr month –

2 – I have to request your Board will
obtain sanction of the Govt. for the
issue of a new Tumbril & appurte-
:nances from the Stores at Trichinopoly
the ~~former~~ order of 17th April 1797 [illegible] precluding
an indent from the Collector unless
sanctioned by Govt. – being complied
with –

3 – The Cutwals establishment
applied for in my letter of the 22nd
March – is for Dandoorum – [illegible]
wardy is the name of that Village
whence my letter was dated which
has caused your Board to question
the necessity –

4 — the present extensive village &
number of shops - require this superinten
dance - exclusive of the increase to the
Old village - and the foundation of a
new one - in which cawles for thirty
two new dookaans have already
been given -

5 - I request also of your Board
that I may employ the same estab
lishment at Coiwarcoonaikee - this
pettah was formerly inferior to none
South of the Cauvery - and I have
induced the Merchants to bring it
again into repute - ~~for~~ the Lubbies
have already built upwards
of forty new dukaans - and the
village is daily increasing -

6 - I have also to request the
same establishment for Kottaum
this pettah on the southern of the
Muttoor which was a very consider
-able place of inland traffic - and is

now improving – this establishment very
which necessary in Market towns is
particularly so in Muttra – to prevent
as far as practicable the thefts and
abuses daily & nightly committed by ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ robbers & [illegible] on the Merchants
and Shopkeepers –

7. — In this arrangement for Muttra
I have not been unmindful of the
orders of your Board dated 10th March
conveying extract from Government of
the 1st March – the state of the police
was such as to require my immediate
attention – and I took the opportunity
of my cutcherry moving to the westward
to go there, (returned the 3rd) and make the necessary
arrangements – of these your Board shall
be informed – on the return of my
Mutsuddies (mostly affected) who were
left to arrange the accounts –

8. — I take this opportunity of
replying to Mr. Secy. Fraser's letter of

the 27th ult^o — respecting public buildings — I have before taken the liberty of noticing to your Board the difficulty both myself and subordinate officers have ~~had~~ been under from the want of places to do our business in — there is no building of any description whatever either in the Dondyguel or conquered districts — belonging to the Sirkar — neither is there any houses fitting for public offices of any description whatever that can be hired — Should your Board be pleased to direct ~~[illegible]~~ plans & sections of such buildings as may be deemed necessary to be furnished to me — and particulars of the materials required for their construction — I should perhaps be able to estimate ~~either~~ the expence either to the company or to the individual so as to ~~[illegible]~~ submit to the determination of your Board whether the erections should be by the expence of the company — or on proposals from individuals —

9 — It may not be ~~[illegible]~~ improp

to ask your Board's attention to the statement of expence for the treasure — which arises more from there being no public place of security in the districts than any thing else — My letter of the 22nd March will have shewn the inconvenience I have been put to — which with fear and of anxiety to myself on account of the insecurity of my charge — creates a very considerable & unavoidable increase of expence to Government —

10 — With respect to the reduction of the establishment of Native writers of English — I beg to assure your Board of my strict attention to economy — if the salaries of writers at Madras were in proportion to abilities only — [struck out] and if the official writers of collectors were educated for employment in the Accountant's office & Revenue office and promoted there as they might deserve to collector's cutcherry more ability might be ensured at a less expence than

now – a difficulty might be felt for a few months – but Volunteer writers would find it more their interest to take pains than now – and would you be ready to supply advances – the Board itself would be enabled to judge of the proportion of wages to ability and to fix them – & thence also – to determine on the propriety of the excuse for such delays ~~as which~~ in transmission of offic[ia]l papers as ~~[illegible]~~ sometimes will happen from causes not originating with the Collector ~~himself~~

I have the honor to be

with the greatest respect

Gentlemen

Your very obedient

Rous Peter

Dindigul
11th April
1820

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Lieut.t Colonel James Innes

&c. &c. &c.

Atvar pettah
Kota Cupen
Mooten
Soobramany Chitty
Moniappen Chitty

Sir

Government having directed an enquiry to be instituted against Nella Dadoo Poojaury Naig — and Major Macaulay having appointed Tumuche Naig Noor as the place for entering thereon and having requested I would send thither such evidences as I might have to produce against him — I have to beg that the prisoners × according to the inc[illegible]sed list may be sent to the Cacharee & that you will have the goodness to prepare a sufficient guard to escort them in security to that place — by way of Nella Cottah & Whotapanaignoor from the Colley of which the distance is about twenty six Miles through the Collery Country —

They might march to Nella Cotta tomorrow & then wait further orders — the Irons from their legs should be struck off and those on their hands made more secure if necessary — but the mode of confining them during the march must in some degree depend on the discretion of the officer commanding the escort —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedient Servant

(Signed) W.B. Hurdis

Collector

Dindigul

13th April 1800.

Major Colin Macaulay
C. &c &c

Sir/

With the enclosed orders ~~I have sent~~ to
the Subedar going the escort I have
sent five of Poligary Naigues as
prisoners as therein mentioned — —

Umar Pollah & Khota Cumpen have
much influence in the Marava Country -
and tho I do not directly apprehend any attempt
will be made to rescue them by
the Colleries it may be well to
guard against probability - under
this impression I could wish you would
forward such party from Tinnevelly
[illegible] — towards [illegible]
noor - as might act in efficient support
-ence ~~[illegible]~~ to the present force
should the Colleries have the hardi-
hood to venture their rescue.

The party from hence march with the prisoners
the 15th. — the other evidences are
collecting - and will come with

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tahsildar of the 2nd division of the Dindigul district – so soon as I hear from you – he will have charge of the original declarations of the prisoners – which I have directed to be so placed as to return to me or be posted for speedy & direct communication between us – from time to time to Trivandrum Sugreeva –

I have the honor to be
Sir
your very obedient
humble Servt

Dindigul
19th April
1800

(Copied) William Petrie Esqr President
& Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I was honored with the commands of your Board under date 4th April covering extract from Government of the 29th March – on the 19th inst: –

I feel [illegible] either to answer to the required interpretation of the act of the 33rd of the King and of the [illegible] oath prescribed by that act — not because I do not understand it — but because I think it is so clearly and [illegible] worded, in terms I think, that it can not be mistaken — hence my interpretation of it can only be a recitation of the words both of the act and the oath

And as I conceive the act of the 33rd of the King was made for the preventing the commission of it and every act of treason [illegible] — and the oath is expressive of that [illegible] I do consider that the acting directly or indirectly against it or the tenor of it by speech or letter or any step whatever would be a positive breach of that moral & religious tie by which I am bound to observe it —

I also declare that no admonitions [illegible] public emoluments now and above my appearances [illegible] procured by me [illegible]

No admonitions [illegible] now and above the public appearances

In reply to the latter part of the letter I have to say that no adventitious emolu-:ments presented by my Chief Landholders over and above my public allowances has been received from the obsolete period of the Company's Government - and that no [illegible] customs of any description whatever ~~have~~ not brought to the public account have ever during my management existed in these districts - I have known and discovered that [illegible] not a part of the Regular Jumma bundy have been regularly entered and ought to account in the Dewan Jumma ~~b~~ found under the construction that on the oath ~~contrary~~ any self appropriation of them ~~without authority~~ would have been a positive breach of it -

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Gentlemen

Your very obedient

humble Servt

Dinagepore

15th April

1800

(Copied)

I B Travers Esqre
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue -

Sir -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant - on the 15th - and lest any mistake should occur on my part I beg the favor of specific answers to the following questions -

1st. Is the exchange of 42 fanams for one Star Pagoda to be in every column of accounts - and the present rate of calculating the outer column at 86 to be discontinued? -

2nd. Are two sets of accounts to be sent - one at [illegible] & the other to the Civil Auditor or one only to the civil Auditor? ~~as by your letter [illegible] directed~~ to

3rd. A reference is made (under head Civil Auditor) to 27th & 28th Articles - what are those articles - if affecting the collection

should he not be furnished with them?

4th. As no reference in explanation is made to any statements transmitted save 20th it is presumed they do not apply to the Collector - but if they do the explanation is requested -

5th. - The regulations are to take place from the first of May Am I to understand by this that all accounts to the 20th April are to be sent as heretofore or that the accounts to that period falling due on the 25th May are to be sent to the Civil Auditor -

Will be obliged by your answer to these questions as soon as possible -

I am Sir your obedient

Trinidad
16th April -

(Copied) William Petrie Esqr. President
&a Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have the honor of sending herewith the Talook-war &a Statement mentioned in my letter of the 31st March - according to the list enclosed -

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
15th April 1800

Lieut. Mackay &c. &c.
Columbum

Sir,

If you have not dispatched the usual guards to Sheda pollam, & Pulladum for the escort of treasure to Dindigul - I have to beg it may be done directly on receipt of this - that no delay may happen in consequence of the relief.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis.

Dindigul
15th April
1800.

Dear Sir

Your favor enclosing bills to the Amount of Star Pagodas three hundred and thirty - the amount collected by you for Paris I have received - and am much obliged by your kind attention, in the business.

I am Dear Sir,
very obediently yours
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

April 17th 1800

Major John Macaulay
&c &c &c

Sir

~~Since the accompanying~~

This letter, with the enclosures will be delivered to you by Luttoor Cawn Tahsildar of the third talooky of the Dindigul province - he is particularly acquainted with every circumstance relating to Paoyanny Naique from the assumption of his pollam until the dispersion of his party.

He has charge of all the evidences - but as he has told the truth generally of repeating the

banditti he is well acquainted as
the parties themselves with every cir
-cumstance —

I shall be obliged by your detain
-ing the Ryots as short a time as possible
as they wish to be released to attend
to their cultivation —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient
humble Servt

Dindigul
19th April
1800

(Copied) John Kenworthy Esqr.
&c. &c.
Palamkotta

Sir

I have been favored with the bills for the Cash sent hence — the remainder of your indent according to letter of the 3d. Feby is ready for you in W. P. N. Pagodas — Be so good as to tell me if you can take it — if not I shall remit the amount to Madras —

I have the honor to be
Sir
your very obt. Servt.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis

Dindigul
18th April
1800

(Copied) Benjamin Torin Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore

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Sir

Enclosed I send you a bill for the amount collected from the Bullock Maistries according to my letter of the 11th February 1800 the receipt of which I have to request you will acknowledge —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient Ser

Dindigul
21st April
1800

Lieut Col McAlister —
Comg Coimbatore

Sir

On receipt hereof I have to beg the favor of you to release to the bearer the Mattarauty Polygar — the demands of the Sirkar on him having been satisfied —

I have the honor to be

Dindigul
April
Sir

85.

April 22nd. 11/2 PM

Dear Macaulay —

Yours of this date I have this moment — in all matters of reference where a third person is concerned and that person — a Native — be so good as to let me have his (the Native's) words in the original —

Muttu Cawen, the Shanar, assumed the Pollam of Dead and Putty by my order — to the best of my recollection in Oct. 1796 — I cant put my hand on the records, entire, as past are at P. Marke — between the 21st of Oct. & 27th —

X to the best of my recollection as to dates X Progany Naigues Mother as she was taken met me at Dead a Mu Putty — as I was going to Peni Cottum to settle the Valley — I

interceded for her son Poojary
~~Naigue~~ / I believe he was adopted
by her / Whilst I was ~~[illegible]~~ at Pena
-coorie - ~~within the~~ 27th Octr
and before that date from the ~~[illegible]~~ time of ~~[illegible]~~
1796 - Mutthu Cawn settled the
~~[illegible]~~ of Deodanepotty - and
~~I think~~ I signed the cowles ~~[illegible]~~ of
Pennacottara
- Mutthu Cawn brought the
Polygar Poojary Naigue in to
me at my [illegible] at Pena-cool
~~[illegible]~~ between the 21st & 27th Octr
-coorie - ~~he~~ the Polygar appeared under the
influence of fear - I endeavoured
to give him confidence - and told
him if he would go and stay at
to which place I enquired he would go
Dindygul ^ that I would recommend
him to the Board of Revenue to
be provided for ^ but he never came
~~this I well~~
remember - & I think his mother
that is the woman who adopted

[illegible] Deodanepotty

[illegible]

him was ~~[struck out, illegible]~~ Pensacola at the same time —

Of Nathan Cowan either bringing him to me — or causing him to come to me at Pensacola — and of the my promise of recommendation and character as I have mentioned — you need not doubt — of the dates which I am not certain because my Almanac of 1796 is not with me — but of the truth to the fact stated as I have related there is no doubt at all —

~~Extracts from this formerly as I have written — I consider the whole official — [struck out]~~

~~Yours ever sincerely~~

~~B Hawkins~~ —

a letter received the 6th Nov 1796 from the Tab-ildar of Pensacola (who died at Orleans [?] in Oct. 1799) complained of Robberies in Pogany [?] near Cowelly — (suppos to be stimulated by his adherents) — on the 7th Nov I sent Bowle [?] to him — copy I inclose to you — but

from that time until routed out by the Pens last year - Soojainy Naig & his Adherents have been more or less active as opportunity offered in plunder & murder

Extract from this formally all I have written & consider the whole official -

Yours ever sincerely

(Signed) T B Hurdis

Captn. Macaully
Comg. Columbaum

Sir

On receipt of this I beg the favor of you to detach (if not already done two havildars Guards one to Sheda polam and the other to Pulladam for the purpose of bringing treasure to Dindegul -

Had Lieut. McKay referred to former requisitions to Captn. Simons the necessity of applying to you would have been avoided - but least mistake should occur in future I beg the favor of you to detach an havildars Guard to Shedapollam on the 14th. and the same to Pulladum on the 15th. of every succeeding month - for the purpose of escort of treasure - until stayed at my request -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient
(signed) T. B Hurdis
Collector

Dindegul
4th. April 1800 -

Dear Macaulay –

Your 2d. of the 22d. I got early this morning and I now send you the original translations by Mr. Ramasha[w] of the original declarations sent under charge of Mutthee Cawn – according to the accompanying list which I'll thank you to return after having got what you want from them – I also send you my remarks thereon each number'd to the letter or declaration and to the paragra[ph] therein to which it applies.

All that are translated you are perfectly welcome t[o] use of – but as I receive the declarations in the origina[l] always and never translate unless for reference to t[he] Board – I have none others than what I now send yo[u]

I send you also copies of letters that will throw light [on] the subject – the only matter I have to regret is tha[t I] did not bring him (Pugarry Naig) to Dindegul wit[h me] when I left Peracollum – instead of suffering him perfectly at large, as he was – and by himself and [his] afterwards to give those severe proofs of his enmit[y] the Ryots and others have suffered – for that Done by his influence privity and actual Servants [it] cannot be a Doubt of – particularly by his predam[?] Comareddy and the Dhair Nyanaprecarum not taken

Malabar letters copies of which I now send [will show] by their dates the time of the afsum[?]

… Dennepatty in direct reference to my letter of
last night – I would to ease you send translates but
I have no Moonshee here and my time is too much
taken up with business of [illegible]printing more consequence. I have some doubt
Consider all this as official – Indeed I always do whether
beginning Sir or otherwise

Yours sincerely

J.B.H.

April 23rd 3 P.M.

Lieutt. Colonel Innes

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing copy & Translate of a letter [from] the Tasildar of Darapoorum – and as I am persuaded you will [take] every proper measure to redress the impropriety therein mentioned [whic]h can not be justified on any ground whatever – I have to request [the f]avor of you to issue such orders as may be necessary on the occasion.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) J.B. Hurdis

Collector

[D]indigul
[2]4th
April 1800

Translation of an Urzee from Seena[…]
Tahsildar of Darapoorum Dated 20th Apr[il]
1800 to Mr. Collector Hurdis –

The mare & Colt of the Compa[ny's]
Jamadar who lately came to the [Dara]
-poorum Cutcharee having str[…]

away when let out to graze. he sent for
the Damapooram Cutwal & demanded
him to deliver over his mare the Cutw
said, he would send a man to look for
if he found them would deliver them
to him the Jamadar then insisted on
his delivering up the mare directly
Cutwal answered that if he meant to
punish him he would give the p[illegible]
of them. this quarreling both came to
Cacharee after which the Jamadar
struck the Cutwal twice abused
& confined him two Gurries in the [illegible]
when the Jamadar released him
him to his house, gave him [illegible]
Victuals. made up with him [illegible]
back. what has passed I have re[illegible]
to the Huzoor & have to beg [illegible]
my future conduct.